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SUBJ: CIEC RESPONSE TO POINTS RAISED IN PERMREP'S

BRIEFING TO G-8

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1. SUMMARY: AMB TURNER WENT OVER POSITIONS CONTAINED
IN REFTEL WITH CANADIAN PERMREP JAN 21 AND WITH LOCAL
EC REPS (BOTH COMMISSION AND PRESIDENCY) THE FOLLOWING
DAY. WE HAVE ALSO REVIEWED OUR POSITION WITH JAPANESE.

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ALL EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH ESSENTIALS. END SUMMARY.

2. CANADIAN PERMREP MAC LEAN RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS
TO AMB'S PRESENTATION BASED ON REFTTEL:

A. G-19 LIST OF TOPICS. MAC LEAN SAID CANADIANS
TOOK NO EXCEPTION TO US VIEW THAT DISCUSSION OF
COMMISSION TOPICS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN COMMISSIONS
RATHER THAN JAN 26 MEETING AND SAID HE WOULD
ADVANCE THIS VIEW TO VENEZUELAN. HOWEVER, HE
DID NOT THINK DC REPS SHOULD SIMPLY "STONE-WALL"
ON THIS QUESTION AT JAN 26 MEETING SINCE THIS
WOULD RUN COUNTER TO CONCEPT OF "DIALOGUE" AND
COULD GET CIEC OFF TO BAD START. HE SEEMED TO BE
ADVOCATING POSITION IN WHICH DC'S WOULD REFUSE TO
ACTUALLY NEGOTIATE LIST OF COMMISSION TOPICS BUT
WOULD NOT REFUSE TO COMMENT ON G-19 LIST. HE
AGREED THAT DC'S SHOULD NOT PRESENT ADDITIONAL
LIST(S) OF TOPICS TO JAN 26 MEETING SINCE THIS
WOULD CONTRADICT ARGUMENT THAT SUCH LISTS ARE
MATTERS FOR COMMISSIONS.

B. TIMING OF COMMISSION MEETINGS. MAC LEAN FULLY
AGREED WITH OUR POSITION AND ARGUMENTS THEREFOR.
HOWEVER, HE REITERATED THAT HE WAS DISHEARTENED
BY THE FIRMNESS OF P-G'S POSITION IN FAVOR OF
LONGER MEETINGS. HE SAID P-G FEELS STRONGLY
THAT COMMISSION MEETINGS SHOULD BE LONG ENOUGH
AND "DEEP" ENOUGH TO "JOIN THE ISSUES"
AND ENGENDER SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT BY TIME OF
UNCTAD, APPARENTLY BELIEVING THAT SIGNIFICANT
PROGRESS IS NEEDED TO CONVINCE G-77 THAT ACTION
IS POSSIBLE IN PARIS.

C. OBSERVERS. MAC LEAN SAID THAT IN ORDER TO
SMOOTH DISCUSSIONS CANADIANS AND VENEZUELAN
PLANNED TO TRY TO DEVELOP A DRAFT LIST OF WHICH
OBSERVERS WOULD ATTEND WHICH COMMISSIONS IN
ADVANCE FOR DISCUSSION ON THE 26TH. MAC LEAN
SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT OECD EXPECTED TO
PARTICIPATE IN ALL COMMISSIONS AND THAT IEA
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WANTED TO ATTEND FINANCE AS WELL AS ENERGY
COMMISSION. HE FELT OECD'S ARGUMENTS FOR
ATTENDING ENERGY COMMISSION WERE CONVINCING
BECAUSE OF IEA'S LIMITED MEMBERSHIP.

3. MAC LEAN EXPECTED ALL OF THE ABOVE ISSUES TO BE
DISCUSSED AT JAN 24 G-8 MEETING. IN ADDITION,
HE THOUGHT G-8 SHOULD DISCUSS SIZE OF INTERNATIONAL

ORGANIZATION AND AUDITOR DELEGATIONS AND GROUND RULES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION. CANADIANS BELIEVE THAT AS STARTING POSITION SUCH DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE HELD TO ONE MEMBER AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE CLEAR LIMITATIONS ON THEIR RIGHT TO SPEAK.

4. MAC LEAN SOUGHT OUR VIEWS ON BEST MEANS OF INFORMING G-8 AND OECD MEMBERSHIP OF RESULTS OF CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING. HIS VIEW WAS THAT CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD BRIEF G-8 FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING AND THAT HE SHOULD THEN REPORT TO THE 24. (MISSION COMMENT: THE ABOVE PROCEDURES APPEAR TO US TO BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE.)

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5. MAC LEAN ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER EMERGING EC ATTITUDE TOWARD COORDINATION IN THE OECD. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN INFORMAL APPROACH BY COMMISSION TO CANADIAN EMBASSY BRUSSELS ASKING WHETHER THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMAL COORDINATION IN BRUSSELS. THEIR DESIRE FOR DIRECT COMMUNICATION WAS COUCHED IN TERMS OF LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION AT OECD. OTTAWA HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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FIRMLY REJECTED CONCEPT OF COORDINATION IN BRUSSELS AND INSISTS THAT ALL DC COORDINATION SHOULD BE CENTERED AT OECD. CANADIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS HAD ALSO BEEN APPROACHED DIRECTLY BY COMMISSION OFFICIALS TO CONFIRM CANADIAN INTENTION FOR DIALOGUE COORDINATION AT OECD. CANADIANS ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER THIS SITUATION BUT INTEND TO MAINTAIN FIRM POSITION THAT DC COORDINATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT/IN G-8 AND APPROPRIATE OECD BODIES.

6. EC REPS EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH ALL OF OUR POSITIONS. THEY WERE SKEPTICAL, HOWEVER, THAT 19 WOULD AGREE THAT FIRST COMMISSION MEETINGS SHOULD BE LARGELY PROCEDURAL AND EXPECT GREAT PRESSURE FOR EARLY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. ON LENGTH OF COMMISSION MEETINGS, EC REPS SAID THEY HAD PICKED UP HINTS FROM THE 19 THAT THEY MIGHT BE WILLING TO SEE SENIOR COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES DEPART AFTER 4-5 DAYS AND LEAVE REMAINDER OF LENGTHY MEETINGS TO SUBORDINATES. THEY NOTED WITH INTEREST MENTION OF POSSIBLE WORKING GROUPS AND THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO PUT THIS CONCEPT FORWARD AS ALTERNATIVE TO CONTINUING ACTUAL COMMISSION MEETINGS AT LOWER LEVEL.

7. EC REPS HAD NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO IDEA THAT OECD BACKSTOPPING GROUPS SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER TO PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE LISTS OF TOPICS BUT THOUGHT IN PRACTICE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE SUCH AN EFFORT WITH NEED FOR TIME TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY POSITIONS. WITH REGARD TO GENERAL ROLE OF BACKSTOPPING GROUPS, EC REPS

READ AS FOLLOWS FROM INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM
BRUSSELS: "EC UNDERSTANDS THAT WORK OF THE OECD
WILL NOT HAVE AS ITS OBJECTIVE THE ELABORATION
OF COORDINATED POSITIONS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES BUT
SHOULD ALLOW THEM A FRAMEWORK FOR AN APPROPRIATE
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TO INFORM OTHERS OF THEIR
POSITIONS.

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8. JAPANESE DELEGATION OFFICER AGREED IN GENERAL
WITH OUR POSITIONS BUT SAID THEY HAD NOT YET
RECEIVED DEFINITIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO.
HE CONFIRMED THAT MIYAZAKI WOULD BE FINANCE
COMMISSION CO-CHAIRMAN AND ATTEND JAN 24 MEETING.
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